

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE



Bevan K. Baker was sworn in as the 16th Commissioner of Health of the City of Milwaukee on August 6, 2004. He was nominated by Mayor Tom Barrett in 2004 and re-confirmed for a second term by the City's Common Council on June 10, 2008.

As the 16th Health Commissioner in a line dating back to 1867, Mr. Baker serves as the city's chief advisor on health. As Commissioner, Mr. Baker is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of the agency's departments in their collective efforts to promote the health and well-being of the people of Milwaukee.

Before this appointment, Baker served as the Chief Operating Officer for the City of Milwaukee Health Department from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Baker has also held progressive positions of responsibility as Chief Operating Officer with the Health Choice Network, Inc. in Miami Florida and the Associate Director of Administration for the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation in Brooklyn, New York.

Currently, Mr. Baker serves as Assistant Clinical Professor with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In January of 2006, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle appointed Mr. Baker to serve on the Governor's e-Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Board which will develop a strategic plan for statewide adoption and exchange of electronic health records in five years. In February of 2005, Mr. Baker was appointed to serve as the Milwaukee County Emergency Public Health Preparedness Director by the Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke. And in November of 2004, the Governor appointed Mr. Baker to serve on the Governor's Public Health Council which advises the Secretary of Health and Family Services, the Governor, the Legislature and the public on progress in implementing the state's 10-year public health plan.

Mr. Baker has been the recipient of many outstanding awards including the 2002 Wisconsin Hospital Association's Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

Mr. Baker received his Masters degree in Health Administration from the Medical College of Virginia and his Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology from Winston-Salem State University. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.